

7th FEBRUARY, 1803.

Read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was, this day, committed "so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the 15th of December last, as relates to the Militia Institution of the United States."

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*In addition to an act, intituled, "An Act more effectually to provide for the National defence, by establishing an Uniform Militia throughout the United States."*

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,  
3 That it shall be the duty of the adjutant general of the militia in  
4 each state, to make return of the militia of the state to which he  
5 belongs, with their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, agreea-  
6 bly to the directions of the act, to which this is an addition; to the  
7 President of the United States annually, on or before the first  
8 Monday in January in each year : and it shall be the duty of the  
9 secretary of war, from time to time, to give such directions to the  
10 adjutant generals of the militia, as shall, in his opinion, be neces-

11 fary to produce an uniformity in the said returns, and he shall lay  
 12 an abstract of the same before congress, on or before the first  
 13 Monday of February, annually.

1     SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every citizen duly  
 2 enrolled in the militia, shall be constantly provided with arms,  
 3 accoutrements, and ammunition, agreeably to the direction of the  
 4 said act, from and after he shall be duly notified of his enrolment ;  
 5 and any notice or warning to the citizen so enrolled, to attend a  
 6 company, battalion, or regimental muster, or training, which shall  
 7 be according to the laws of the state in which it is given for that  
 8 purpose, shall be deemed a legal notice of his enrolment.

1     SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the field officers of  
 2 each regiment of militia, shall in future be composed of one co-  
 3 lonel, one lieutenant-colonel, and one major, instead of one lieu-  
 4 tenant-colonel commandant and two majors, provided for by the  
 5 said act.

1     SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That in addition to the of-  
 2 ficers provided for by the said act, there shall be, to the militia of  
 3 each state one quarter master general, to each brigade one quar-  
 4 ter master of brigade, and to each regiment one chaplain.

1     SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That each division shall be  
 2 so formed by the respective states, as to consist of not more than  
 3 three, nor less than two brigades.